

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 Sep 52</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Lake Charles, La.</u>		3. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2045</u> GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>civilian</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>10 seconds.</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Normal maneuvers</u>		11. COMMENTS <u>(From drive in movie)</u> <u>Aircraft in area.</u>	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>11 Sept '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Lake Charles LA.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2045 EST</i> Zebra: <i>0245</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ Normal ☐ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☐ Blinking ☒ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		☒ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>CO ADIN 806 Lake Charles AFB, La.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
<i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
	☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes ☐ No	

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 6 hrs. Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<u>Liberal Charles L.</u>	<u>radio sonde</u> <u>radio</u> <u>payload</u>	<u>USDA Weather Bureau</u>	☒	☐	<u>white</u>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair
☒ Poor
☐ Unreliable
☐ Extremely Doubtful
☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

☐ Good
☒ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☒ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other: _____

☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation

☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

lighting 15 minutes before scheduled balloon release

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					
<i>CAV conditions - slight wind - no wind direction given.</i>					

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WERE WHITE WITH NO APPARENT BEAM SHOWING BEYOND OBJ PD TIME OF SIGHTING
CLN 2045 HRS 11 SEP 52 PD LSTW OF TIME OBSR CLN APRX 10 SEC PD MANNER
OF OBSR CLN VISUAL PD OBSR FR RND UP THEATER 5 MILES E OF LAKE CHARLES
LA PD OBJ OVERHEAD TVL W TO E PARALLELING HWY 90 PD APPX ALT OF OBJ
3000 FT PD IDENTIFYING INFO OF OBSR CLN C PD W PD LAKINGHAM CMA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LA PD EST OF RELIABILITY AND EXPERIENCE CLN
(D-4) PD (WHA AND WINDS ALOFT COND AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING CLN VERY
CLEAR CMA VERY LITTLE WIND) PD ANY ACTY OR COND CMA METEOROLOGICAL
OR OTHERWISE CMA WHICH MIGHT ACCT FOR SIGHTING CLN NONE TO KNOWLEDGE
OF OBSR PD EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SUCH AS FRAGMENTS CMA
PHOTOS AND THE LIKE CMA OF THE SIGHTING CMA NONE PD INTCP OR
IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN CLN NONE PD LOC OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN GEN
AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CLN NONE PD WRITTEN REPT ICW AFL 200-5 BEING
SUBM THIS DATE PD
15/2055Z SEP JESKH ✓

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ACTION

SEP 15 22 22 1952

1. Atria
2. Atria
3. C. files

WPC267

YMA234

VYA174

VDC255

JESK 33

PP JEPH JEDWP JEDEN JEDMH 444

02 JESK 21

P 152026Z ZNJ

FM CO ADIV 836 LAKE CHARLES AFB LA

TO JEPH/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

JEDWP/ATIC FOR ATIAA-20 WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OH

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDMH/CG SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

[REDACTED] 4401 6482. FLYOBRPT PD ICW AFL 200-5 DTD 29

APR 52 CMA UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ REPTD SIGHTED BY CIV LISTED BELOW PD

DESCRIPTION AS REQ BY PAR COCA OF CITED LTR FOL PD SHAPE OF OBJ CLN

ROUNDED FRONT CMA NOT CLEAR DUE TO DARKNESS PD SIZE OF OBJ CLN APRX

SIZE OF B-29 PD COLOR CLN NONE APPARENT PD FORMATION IF MORE THAN ONE

OBJ CLN ONLY ONE OBJ SIGHTED PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES CLN NONE APPARENT

PD TRAIL OR EXY CLN NONE APPARENT PD PRPLN SYS CLN NONE APPARENT

PD SPED CLN APRX THAT OF JET PD SOUND CLN NONE APPARENT PD MANEUVERS

CLN IN STRAIGHT LINE PD MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE CLN IN STRAIGHT LINE

TILL OUT OF SIGHT PD SIX OR SEVEN LIGHTS IN FRONT OF OBJ PD LIGHTS

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 11 9 52
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 8 30-45 A.M. or (P.M.) (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

[Redacted] Lake Charles La. Colcaen
Postal Address City or Town State Country

Additional Remarks: _____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object?

The lights attracted
my attention

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

12 9 52
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object?

Walking behind
my car

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object?
Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount
of time spent on each.

Watching the movie in progress at that
time

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or

No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

a. North	e. South
b. Northeast	f. Southwest
c. East	g. West
d. Southeast	h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. North	e. South
b. Northeast	f. Southwest
c. East	g. West
d. Southeast	h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| ☒ c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

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|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

☒ Yes or ☐ No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | ☒ g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object? *Very clear*

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- ☒ a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

_____ Hours _____ Minutes 10 Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

*Just saw lights
no outline.*

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2	Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3	Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.4	Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6	Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9	Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light?

ordinary lights

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound

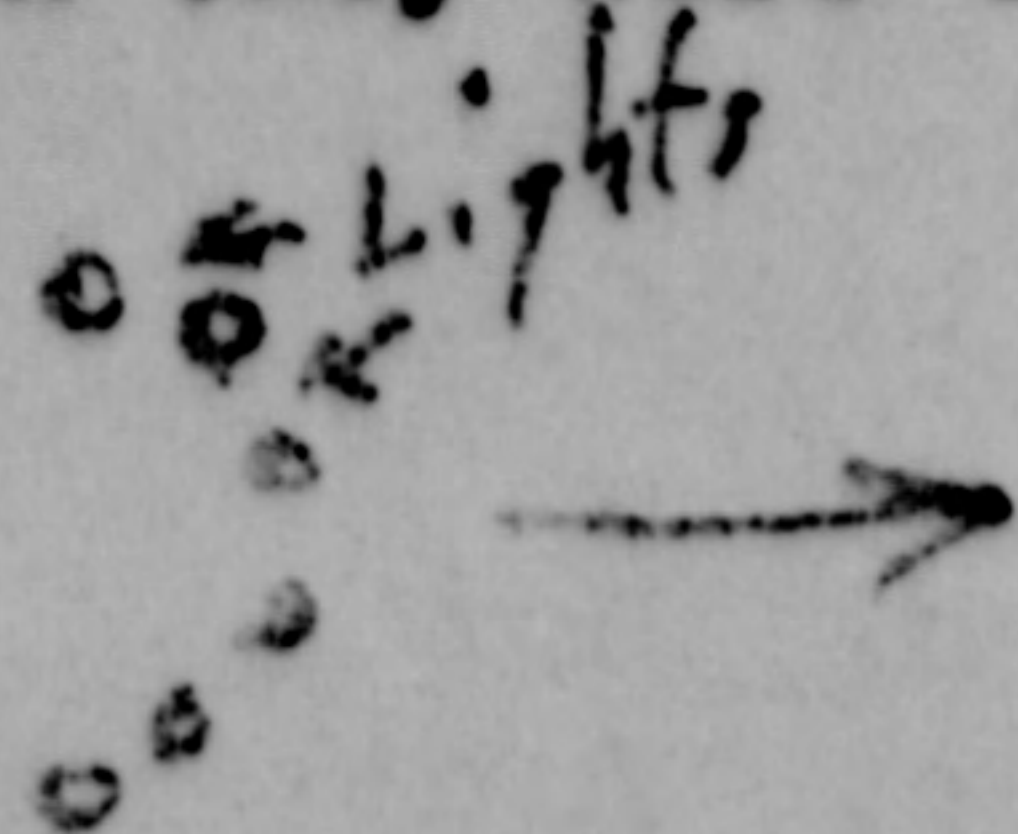
no sound at all

16.2 Color

couldn't tell

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?

Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.



18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Pea | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | <u>h. Large airplane</u> |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Certain | <u>c. Not very sure</u> |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 1500 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? overhead feet or _____ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? very fast miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

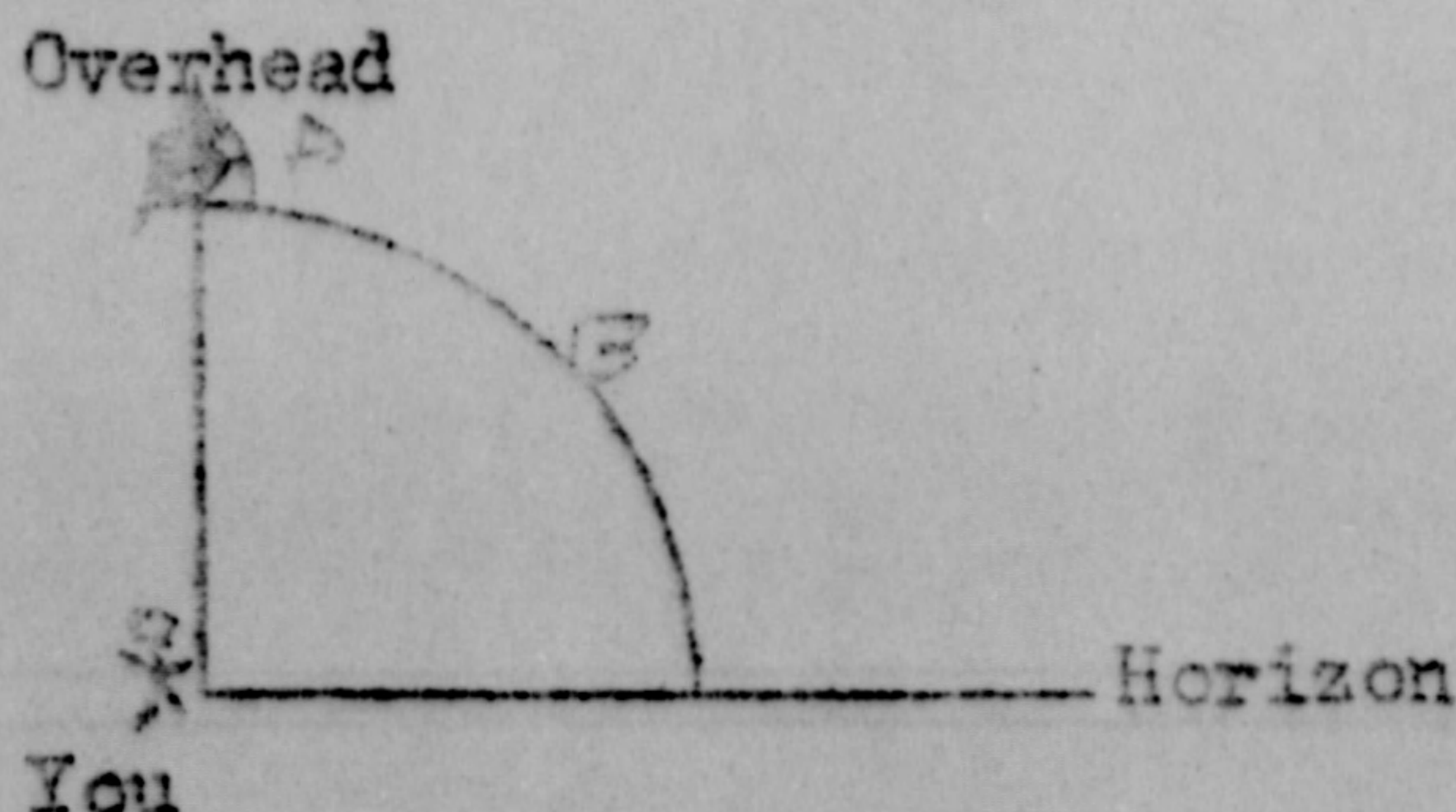
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| <u>a. Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| <u>b. Fairly certain</u> | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

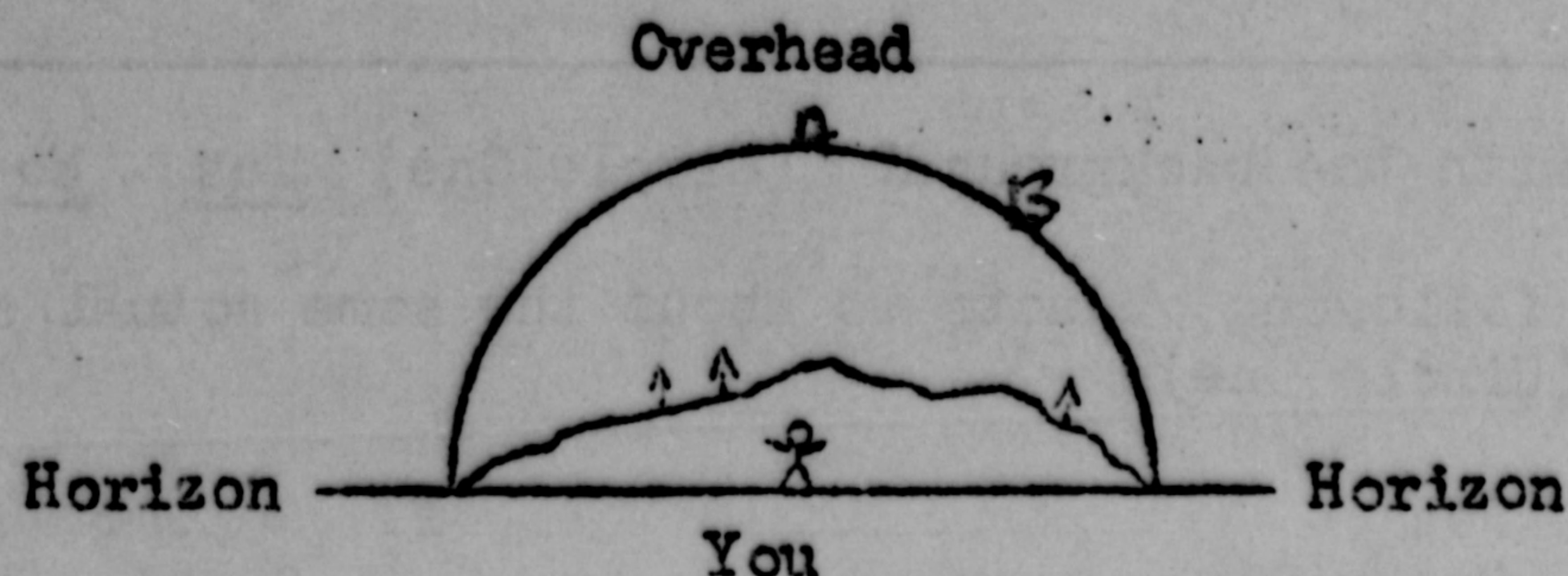
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| (Circle One): <u>a. Suddenly</u> | c. Other _____ |
| b. Gradually | d. Don't remember |

SECTION D

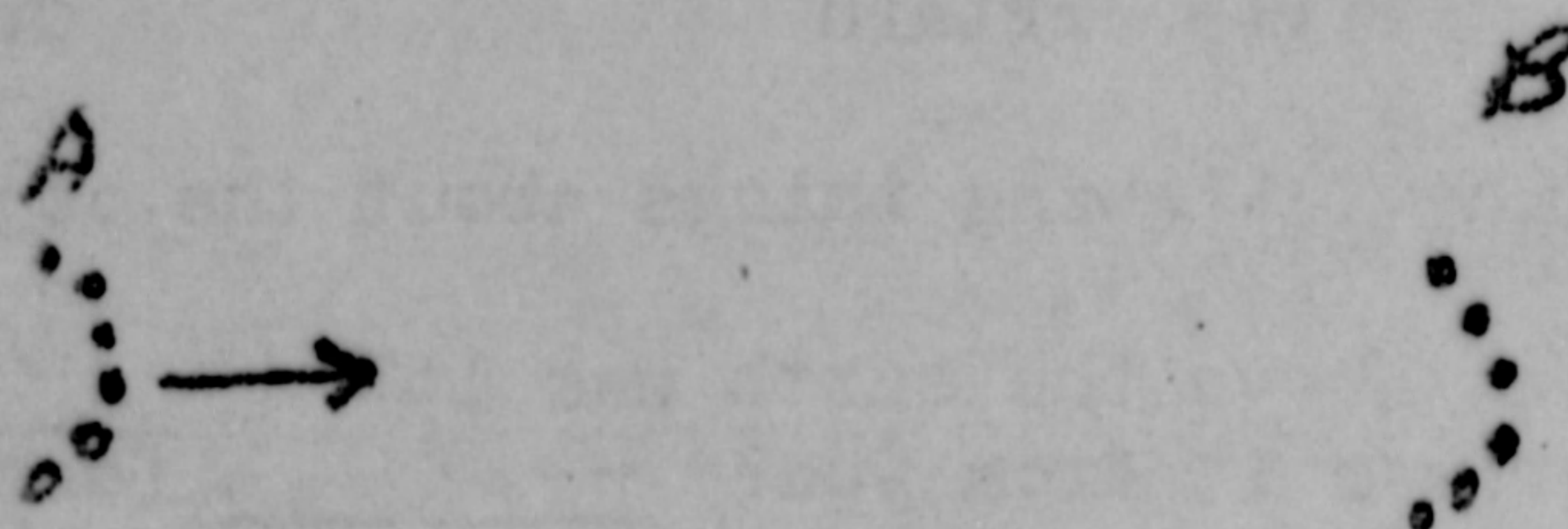
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



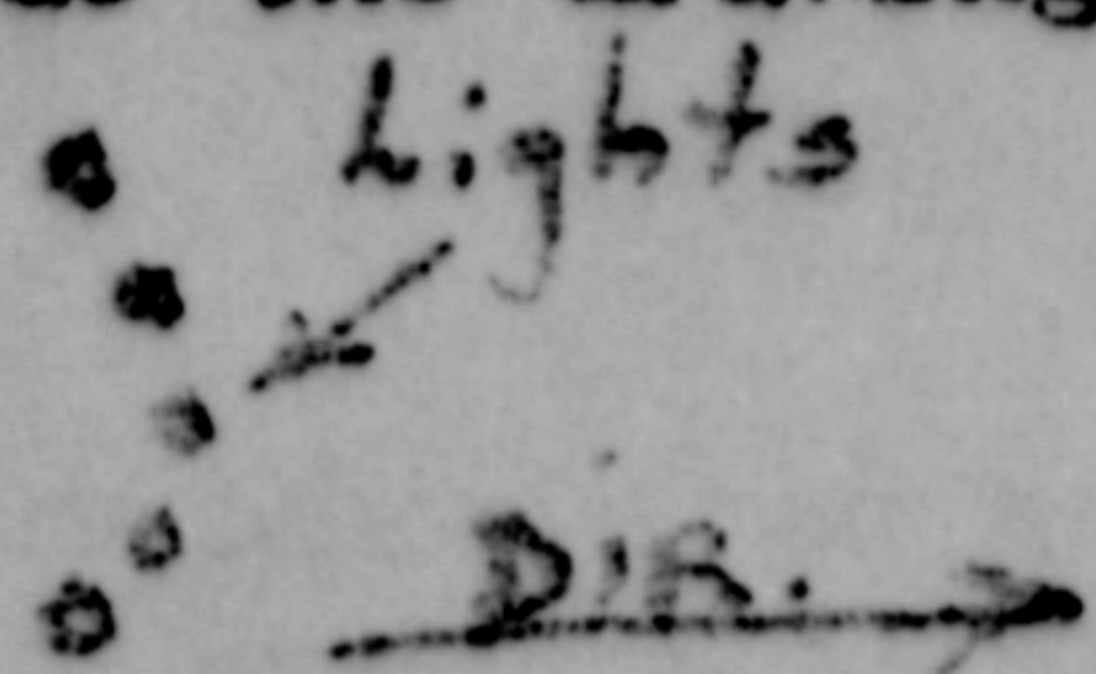
23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Lights appeared in an arc (as shown) almost overhead. There could have been more but I didn't see any.

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? I think it was definitely some type of aircraft with possibly some other type of propulsion other than jet or propeller.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

[Redacted] Last Name [Redacted] First Name [Redacted] Middle Name
 ADDRESS [Redacted] Lake Charles LA
 Street City Zone State
 TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? Blacksmith

Age 29

Sex Male

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses: myself, same address

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

I definitely saw something. It was no
reflection or ~~mirage~~ mirage.